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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ON MISSING PEOPLE

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3022

1. GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE NO. 18 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS
ON JULY 14. ITS MAIN POINTS FOLLOW:

(A) SOLID AND RATIONAL EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE MISSING
PEOPLE WERE MURDERED BY INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY UNDER ARREST;

(B) ONE OF THE PRESUMED MURDER WEAPONS, A .22 MAGNUM,
WAS LOCATED AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE PROPERTY OF MANUEL
ZELAYA;

(C) FINDING THE BODIES IS A DIFFICULT TASK BUT EXCAVATING
MACHINES ARE WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY TO LOCATE THEM; AND

(D) THE PEOPLE ALREADY ARRESTED WILL BE QUESTIONED FULLY
TO DETERMINE THEIR PART IN THE KILLINGS.

2. GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE NO. 22 APPEARED IN THE JULY 15
PRESS. THE MAIN POINTS FOLLOW:

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(A) THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION HAS INFORMED THE HIGH

COMMAND THAT IT HAS DEFINITE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
EXACT PLACE WHERE THE BODIES ARE BURIED:

(B) THE MISSING PEOPLE WERE MURDERED AND THEN THROWN
INTO A WELL;

(C) ENGINEERS AND MACHINERY ARE WORKING AT THE SITE
TO UNCOVER THE BODIES; AND

(D) THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION HOPES TO RENDER A REPORT
BY JULY 16.

3. COMMENTS: THE REPORT OF THE JOINT CHURCH-MILITARY
COMMITTEE WAS USED AS THE BASIS FOR INITIATING THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE HIGH LEVEL MILITARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. NEITHER
THE CHURCH NOR THE GOVERNMENT PLAN TO RELEASE THE ORIGINAL
JOINT INVESTIGATION REPORT. THE HIGH LEVEL INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE WILL GIVE ITS REPORT TO THE CHIEF OF STATE WHO
WILL THEN PROBABLY PRESENT IT TO THE SUPREME DEFENSE
COUNCIL BEFORE IT IS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE,
IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE REPORT WILL NOT BE ISSUED
PUBLICLY UNTIL LATER IN THE WEEK.
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